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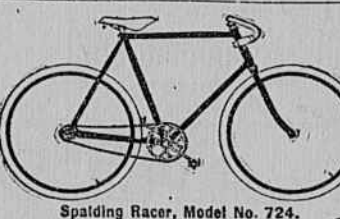
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## The Month of June

The Month of Weddings and Roses.

I have just received an entirely new selection of the finest designs in STERLING SILVER and CUT GLASS, and will continue to receive from time to time during the month the latest designs, suitable for Wedding Presents, of Gotham and Whiting Sterling Silver and Dorringer Cut Glass.  
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The "Spalding Racer" that Carper rode in the races last Saturday was more highly complimented than any wheel on the track. This wheel was not received until late Thursday evening before the races, and it won THREE PRIZES, more than some who had been on the track for months training.  
The "Spalding Racer" only weighs 10 pounds with racing tires, and 21 pounds with road tires, and not 24 pounds, as some of our neighbors reported.  
The "Spalding" can't be beat. It is the most graceful wheel on the market. Prices \$75 and \$100.

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## ODD FELLOWS' EXCURSION.

An excursion will be given from this city to Norfolk on Wednesday, June 23d, by the Odd Fellows of Roanoke. The round trip is only \$3.50. Reduced rates secured at the best boarding houses and hotels. The Odd Fellows of Norfolk are doing everything to make our trip pleasant. The lowest rates ever made have been secured from Norfolk to all points of interest. A committee of ladies will look after those who have no escort. Let every Odd Fellow work to make this excursion a success. The proceeds will be devoted to beautifying our lot in Fairview Cemetery.

C. W. C. WOOLWINE,  
Chairman.

Bread, Rolls, Cinnamon Buns, hot every evening. J. J. Catogini.

## HIS DEATH WAS SUDDEN.

Mr. R. L. Hoffman Accidentally Poisoned at Newport News.

A FORMER BUSINESS MAN OF ROANOKE COMES TO AN UNTIMELY END IN HIS NEW DRUG STORE—HIS PARTNER ALSO MET A TRAGIC DEATH SEVERAL YEARS AGO—OPINION AT NEWPORT NEWS IS THAT MR. HOFFMAN'S END WAS ACCIDENTAL.

Richmond, Va., June 4.—In a telegram to his widow received yesterday afternoon, the sad intelligence of the sudden death, in Newport News, of Mr. Roland L. Hoffman was conveyed to his friends here, who heard with deep sorrow of his untimely and altogether unexpected demise. Only a week ago yesterday the deceased left this city, with the brightest prospects and in the happiest frame of mind, expecting to embark in the drug business in Newport News on his own account, he having for more than three years been the popular prescription clerk for Mr. M. F. Seay, at No. 334 South Pine street.

His body was found yesterday about 1 o'clock, and it was thought in Newport News that he had committed suicide, but there being absolutely no reason for any such action on the part of the unfortunate young man, this theory was soon exploded, and an inquest being held over the remains, the coroner's jury returned a verdict of death from accidental poisoning.

The following special was received last night from the Dispatch's correspondent at Newport News:  
"Mr. R. L. Hoffman, a druggist, was found dead in the warehouse of his store here this afternoon at 1 o'clock. Mr. Hoffman came here a week ago with the intention of engaging in the drug business, and he rented a store-room on Washington avenue. He had purchased his stock and was preparing to commence business in a day or so. He was last seen alive about 10 o'clock Tuesday night, when a messenger boy handed him a telegram from Richmond, which was signed Davies, presumably his brother-in-law, as the message read:

"Liz—Anxious to know how you are. No letter, as expected."  
"He answered the dispatch by saying he was well, and that he had written to his wife on May 31st. Wednesday two business telegrams were received for Mr. Hoffman from a Richmond firm, regarding some notes, and the messenger boy went to his place of business several times, but each time he found the door closed.  
"About noon to-day he went to the store again, and found the door locked. He then remarked that he believed the man was dead. This excited interest in the locality, and an investigation was made, a gentleman effecting an entrance to the store through a back window. He was startled when he discovered Mr. Hoffman lying on an improvised cot, dead, his right hand clutching an 8-ounce bottle, which was labeled chloroform. On a small table was an empty vial and a medicine glass half full of water. Deceased was dressed in a blue suit of clothes. There is a division of opinion as to whether it was a case of suicide or the result of an accident, but those who have inquired into the facts believe it is the latter.

"Hoffman was formerly engaged in the drug business in Roanoke, Va., and several years ago his partner, Mr. Coffman, was accidentally drowned.  
"Nothing is known of Hoffman's financial condition except that he had money in the bank here, and seemed to be in good spirits. He regarded the outlook here as being very encouraging.  
"A letter was found in his coat pocket from his wife. It was of a recent date and affectionate in character. No cause has been assigned for the deed."  
Later the following telegram was received:

"Coroner B. R. Gary held an inquest over the body at 7 o'clock this evening, and after hearing the testimony the jury rendered a verdict that the deceased came to his death by accidental poisoning by chloroform. Mr. Dave Davies, of Richmond, a brother-in-law of Mr. Hoffman, arrived here this evening and testified that there was no reason for suicide, as the family relations were pleasant and deceased was not financially embarrassed. The remains will be taken to Richmond this morning for interment."  
Mr. Hoffman was a native of Bedford City, where his mother and several brothers now live, and was a man of sterling qualities and high character. He married on the 15th last October to Miss Lizzie Davies, the daughter of Mr. W. E. Davies, of No. 227 South Belvidere street, and lived happily and contentedly with her up to the time of his departure for Newport News, last week.

He decided to embark in business there, and left his wife here with the understanding that she was to follow him as soon as he could secure suitable quarters for her. She received a letter from him on Friday, a telegram on Saturday, and a postal card on Wednesday, bearing date of June 1st (Tuesday).  
All of these messages were bright and cheerful, and Mrs. Hoffman had determined to go down on the excursion yesterday morning to spend the day with him. For some reason, though, her plans miscarried, and she remained at home, only to receive the telegram announcing her husband's death, which completely prostrated her.

The remains will arrive here this morning, and the funeral will take place some time to-morrow from the First Presbyterian Church. The interment will be in Hollywood.

Valuable coupons in each package of "My Sweetheart" Cigarettes. Save them and get a prize.

## MUCH ENCOURAGEMENT.

Forecast of a Quick Return to General Prosperity.

New York, June 4.—Dun's review of trade to-morrow will say:  
The statement of failures made by various branches of business for the past week gives much encouragement. The amount of defaulted liabilities for the month is the smallest since September, 1895. The failures of general stores have not been as small in any other month as for May, 1897. Only two months out of thirty-six have there been a smaller number of failures in boots, shoes and miscellaneous trading, though the failures in furniture have been rather numerous.

The statement is made that owing to a temporary depression of prices the volume of business now transacted is larger than any time since 1893, the year of greatest prosperity, though this is questioned by some.

A comparison of prices this week in the leading manufactures not only confirms this view, but shows a remarkable similarity to the course of prices in the earlier months of '79, when the most remarkable advance in production and prices ever known in this or any other country was close at hand. A key to the situation is the excessive production of some goods in which an advance is expected, though with no immediate increased demand.

There is no improvement in farm product prices. Cotton is no higher, and the belief is that the crop of next year will be large in spite of the serious floods in the cotton regions. The demand for cotton goods does not change at all, although in this country it is large enough to keep the market for such goods for the most part steady. Likewise there is no satisfactory demand for woolen goods.

The iron industry is apparently expanding its production, with the certainty of getting large contracts, and also partly on account of the very low prices quoted.

The crop prospects are so good in all parts of the country that the mere mention of it now creates no comment. It is stated all along the Northwestern railroads that the prospects are remarkably bright, and highly favorable reports have appeared from Kansas and Texas and in today's dispatches from the Pacific coast.

The money market is moving most satisfactorily. There is a remarkable large demand for commercial loans, a demand which is peculiarly encouraging to bankers at this time, more so from the fact that extensions and rediscounts growing out of overvaluing credits are unusually light. The volume of business shown by clearing house exchanges outside of New York is only 8.8 per cent. smaller for the month of May than in the same month of 1892, the year of greatest prosperity hitherto.

In despite of diminished speculation here, the returns indicate a larger volume of business, the difference in prices being considered, than any previous year.

The failures for the week in the United States were 241 against 234 last year.

## WILL INTERVIEW WOLCOTT.

London, June 4.—Henry White, the first secretary of the United States embassy here, will go to Paris to-morrow to interview Mr. Wolcott, one of the monetary commissioners from the United States, and report to him the extent of success achieved by the bimetallic delegates in France. There have been several conversations between the British foreign office officials and those of the United States embassy in order to test the feeling of England in regard to the proposed international monetary conference.

## PRAYING FOR DEATH.

Urbana, Ohio, June 4.—Mrs. Gaumer, upon whom the negro Mitchell committed an assault which led to his being lynched this morning, is lying at her home in a most woful condition to-night, praying for death to relieve her from what she considers disgrace. She is completely prostrated from the nervous shock and in a hysterical condition, though it is thought she will recover. She says she was in the brute's power for quite half an hour and was prevented from crying for help by a shawl being wrapped around her head.

## RECEIVED BY THE POPE.

Rome, June 4.—The king of Siam and the Siamese priests visited the pope today at the Vatican. They were welcomed with full ceremonies and received by the pope in his private apartments. This is the first non-Catholic sovereign who has visited the pope in many years.

## A NEW TREASURER.

Washington, June 4.—The President sent to the Senate this afternoon the name of Ellis H. Roberts, of New York, to be treasurer of United States in place of Mr. Morgan, resigned.

## MR. KENT SERIOUSLY ILL.

Richmond, June 4.—Lieut. Gov. Kent is seriously ill with erysipelas at his home near Wytheville.

## DAYS OF WONDER.

The earthquake has come and gone—expanded force. The Wizard Edison tells us coal is but pure sunshine, stored in trees grown years ago and slowly transformed to almost pure carbon or coal. As long as the sun shines this carbon is generated and we can get power. Power is thus stored away. The world is hourly in search for power—stored power—that may be utilized at a future time. It is now claimed that a sigh is power generated by the contraction of the human heart at the presence of pain and a smile is similar power so generated by its expansion in the presence of pleasure, and the effort made to smother signs and preserve smiles, thus storing power. Analysis of a tear shows it is also the resultant of strong emotion—stored power—and so we are urged to bottle our tears. So it goes. The world is full of wonders. Just in keeping with the age comes the Green Shoes for gentlemen. Newest conceits, latest ideas. The Roanoke Shoe Company do business in this go ahead age and they keep up with the times. The first time a new thing from Shoedom lights it is in their store, Jefferson street or Salem avenue. They're Spot Cash Money Savers.

## TO ELECT A BISHOP.

Episcopal Council to Meet in Richmond on June 30.

THE COUNCIL HAS BEEN CALLED IN SPECIAL SESSION TO ELECT A SUCCESSOR TO THE LATE BISHOP NEWTON—BISHOP WHITTLE'S INFIRMITIES ARE SUCH THAT HE REQUIRES THE AID OF AN ASSISTANT—THOSE TALKED OF FOR THE COADJUTORSHIP.

Richmond, Va., June 4.—Right Rev. F. M. Whittle, Episcopal Bishop of Virginia, has called a council of the diocese, to meet in St. James Church, Richmond, June 30th, for the purpose of electing a successor to the late coadjutor, Bishop Newton.

The call was issued yesterday evening, and will be received by the ministers and vestries this morning.

The announcement of this fact will cause surprise in Episcopal circles, as it was generally believed that no steps would be taken to elect a successor to Bishop Newton until after the summer.

Bishop Whittle sets forth his reasons for calling the council at such an early date in the following letter:

"Richmond, Va., June 3, 1897.  
"To the Ministers and Vestries of the Diocese of Virginia:

"My Dear Brethren,—God, in His wise Providence, having removed from us our beloved Bishop Newton, it is important that a successor to him be procured at as early a day as practicable, my bodily infirmities rendering me incapable of performing the duties of my office. Therefore, by authority of the constitution of our church, I hereby call a special council to meet in St. James Church, Richmond, on Wednesday, June 30, 1897, at 10 o'clock a. m., to consider and act on the question of electing a bishop coadjutor for the diocese, and to transact any other business at the pleasure of the council. It is hoped that every minister entitled to a seat will be present, and that all the vestries will elect lay delegates to represent them and their congregations.  
"Faithfully and affectionately yours,  
"F. M. WHITTLE.

"Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia."  
According to the canons of the church, this council will be composed of an equal number of clergy and laity, and will be presided over by a bishop, in all probability, Bishop Whittle.

Only the clergy will be allowed to nominate candidates for the holy office, but a majority of both clergy and laity is necessary to elect.

After the council has reached a decision, the name of the chosen one is sent to the standing committees of every diocese in the country, and must be approved by a majority of these committees. This course is taken to ensure the full examination into the standing, character, and ability of the bishop-elect. It generally occupies two months, and sometimes longer, and when an answer has been received from all the committees, and the matter has been submitted to the presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church in America—now Bishop Williams, of Connecticut—he designates three bishops who shall consecrate the bishop-elect, and one bishop who shall preach the consecration sermon.

Much speculation is rife as to what names will be submitted to the council, and who will be chosen Bishop Newton's successor.

Rev. Dr. McKim, of Washington, and Rev. Mr. Tucker, of St. Paul's, Norfolk, are most generally mentioned. Rev. Dr. John K. Mason, of Louisville, Ky.; Rev. Leonard R. Mason, and Rev. Dr. Carmichael, of Richmond, have many supporters, as also have Revs. John Lloyd, of Lynchburg; Arthur Lloyd, of Norfolk and Professor Carl Grammar, of the Theological Seminary.

There is a strong feeling, however, that a Virginia should be elected. The diocese is so peculiarly constituted, being composed for the most part of rural districts, and it is believed to be essential that a man should be elected who is conversant with the country life and country people of Virginia. The late Bishop Newton, who is generally conceded to have been one of the most popular bishops who ever labored in the diocese, used to take great pride in the fact that he had been born in Virginia, because it so enabled him to get closer to the hearts and sympathies of his flock.  
It is not believed possible that the coadjutor's place can be filled before next September, and possibly October.

## STRAW HATS IN ABUNDANCE FOR THE HOT SUMMER DAYS.

EVERY STYLE AND SHAPE WORTH HAVING.  
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## BRYAN LECTURES AT BUFFALO.

Buffalo June 4.—William J. Bryan arrived in this city this afternoon. From 4 to 5 o'clock he held a reception at the Hotel Genesee. To-night he lectured on bimetalism before an enormous crowd in the Academy of Music. Mr. Bryan spoke for two hours and a half, delivering a carefully prepared address. To-morrow night Mr. Bryan will speak at Toronto.

## WALKER WON'T RUN.

Richmond, Va., June 4.—Gen. James A. Walker announces that he does not desire the Republican nomination for governor of Virginia, and that he would have to give the matter much consideration before he could agree to accept it, even if tendered him against his inclination.

## COMMITTEE MEETING.

They Deny the Charge of Holding a Meeting on Sunday.

A meeting of the city Democratic executive committee was held in the office at A. Blair Antrim last night and all but two members were present. A report was received and read from the finance committee, reporting that they had secured the co-operation of L. A. Scholz, W. A. Glasgow, T. W. Miller, W. P. Duway and H. S. Trout to assist them in soliciting funds for the expenses incidental to the convention. The committee on arrangements reported that they had secured the co-operation of the following gentlemen to assist them in the discharge of their duties: R. A. Buckner, B. O. Mays, W. E. Thomas, W. K. Andrews and Frank B. Bell. The basis of representation for the State convention was decided to be in accordance with the vote cast for Bryan at the last election. This entitles the city to twenty delegates, apportioned as follows: First ward, 6; Second ward, 3; Third ward, 3; Fourth ward, 4; Fifth ward, 4. Upon motion of Mr. Moonaw the time for holding the election was set for June 19, 1897. Rules governing the election of delegates are the same that governed the primaries for the selection of candidates for City Council, with the addition that if in any ward there shall be no opposition offered within one hour from the time the polls are duly opened, then and in that event the said ward may elect its delegates by acclamation.

On motion of J. B. Newton, his resignation as member of the committee was accepted and F. B. Bell, of the Fifth ward, was elected in his stead. The resignation of Mr. Newton's resignation was because of his having been recently elected a member of the City Council.

A resolution was offered, accepted and signed by every member of the committee present, denying the utterance of Rev. I. W. Kimmel in a sermon on May 16, in which he stated that there was a meeting of this committee held on Sunday. The resolution read as follows:

"Therefore be it resolved by the committee as a whole, that said statement is incorrect in that there was no meeting of this committee, either official or otherwise, on the Sunday mentioned, or any other Sunday."

The resolution was signed by every member of the committee with the exception of two, who were absent, and ordered printed in the city papers. There being no further business the committee adjourned.

## A DEMOCRATIC CLUB.

A number of the leading citizens of the Fifth ward met last night in the Athletic Club room on Park street and organized a club to be known as the Fifth ward Democratic Club by electing the following officers: President, Frank L. Bell; secretary, H. G. Hogan; treasurer, J. A. Page. The following committee was appointed to select fifteen vice-presidents for the club: R. C. Wilson, J. B. Newton, J. A. Otey, Bud Adams and W. H. Karnes. A committee to draft a constitution and by-laws was also appointed, composed as follows: Rev. H. I. Stevens, J. A. Otey, J. J. Lankford, J. A. Page and R. A. Figgatt. A finance committee consisting of the following members were also appointed: F. L. Bell, R. C. Wilson and J. A. Page. The club starts out under the most favorable auspices and will do good work in the approaching State campaign for the party it represents.

## THE NATIONAL LEAGUE.

At Washington—Washington, 5 runs, 14 hits, 0 errors. Chicago, 8 runs, 12 hits, 1 error. Batteries: Swain and McGuire; Callahan and Kittredge.

Second game—Called at the end of the first inning on account of rain.

At Philadelphia—The game was forfeited to Philadelphia by the Pittsburgh club refusing to abide by the decisions of the umpire. Score 9 to 0.

At Boston—The game with Cleveland was called at the end of the second inning on account of rain.

At Baltimore—The game with Cincinnati was called at the end of the second inning on account of rain.

At New York—New York, 4 runs, 4 hits, 4 errors. Louisville, 3 runs, 6 hits, 3 errors. Batteries: Doheny and Warner; Cunningham and Wilson.

At Brooklyn—Brooklyn, 8 runs, 9 hits, 2 errors. St. Louis, 4 runs, 7 hits, 0 errors. Batteries: Kennedy and Smith; Kissenger and Murphy.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.	W	L	P	Ct
Baltimore.....	24	8	750	
Cincinnati.....	23	12	657	
Boston.....	22	12	647	
Pittsburg.....	19	14	585	
New York.....	18	14	558	
Brooklyn.....	18	17	522	
Cleveland.....	17	16	515	
Philadelphia.....	10	18	513	
Louisville.....	17	18	493	
Chicago.....	13	22	377	
Washington.....	9	23	281	
St. Louis.....	7	30	171	

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.	W	L	P	Ct
Newark.....	19	12	613	
Lancaster.....	18	13	600	
Paterson.....	17	17	500	
Hartford.....	16	17	485	
Norfolk.....	15	16	484	
Athletics.....	15	16	484	
Richmond.....	13	18	419	
Reading.....	11	19	367	

## ATLANTIC LEAGUE.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.	W	L	P	Ct
Newark.....	19	12	613	
Lancaster.....	18	13	600	
Paterson.....	17	17	500	
Hartford.....	16	17	485	
Norfolk.....	15	16	484	
Athletics.....	15	16	484	
Richmond.....	13	18	419	
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## A SILVER MEETING.

Washington, June 4.—Chairman Towne, of the national silver Republican committee, will leave to-morrow to attend the first meeting of the committee at Chicago. He will be accompanied by Senator Pettigrew and Representative Hartman. It is expected that Senator Teller, of Colorado, will also be present. Other silver Congressmen intended to be present but find it impossible to leave their duties at this time.

## SILVER IS THE ISSUE.

Bryan Democrats Will Make the Fight on This Line.

## CAMPAIGNS IN THREE STATES.

PLANS ALREADY MATURED IN KENTUCKY, VIRGINIA AND OHIO—MCLEAN WILL SHAPE THE POLICY OF THE PARTY IN OHIO. IN MARYLAND IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT HARD TIMES AND SILVER WILL BE WORKED FOR ALL THEY ARE WORTH.

Washington, June 4.—In political circles there has been to-day much animated and interested comment on the silver complexion of the resolution adopted by the Kentucky Democracy. This is due in a large measure to the personal influence of ex-Senator Blackburn, who will enter at once into a renewal of the fight for which he staked and lost all in the last campaign. Mr. Blackburn constantly reiterated last winter his inflexible purpose to continue the fight for silver in both local and national campaigns. This, it is known, is the common understanding among the silver leaders in all the Western and Southern States.

Mr. John R. McLean, who left for Ohio with Mr. MacBride to-day, will certainly dominate the Democratic State convention. He will put up a silver man for governor, engrave silver on the platform, and see that silver men are nominated for the legislature. Mr. McLean is too shrewd not to avail himself of any local issues which may be in his favor, but he proposes to make his fight for the Senate a distinctive silver campaign.

The Virginia Democrats have given assurances to the silver forces here that their candidate for governor and their platform will be silver through and through.

The movements to follow this same line in the nomination of the Tammany candidate for mayor of Greater New York are being watched with unusual interest from here, as it is from this place the inspiration has gone. The cunning and veteran politicians who are in the silver movement have calculated all the chances, and have concluded there can be no better rallying cry for the laboring men and the unemployed of New York. They have convinced the Tammany managers, and consider it now as settled beyond any question. Among this same set it is talked as a matter of course that the Maryland convention will also be ranged on the silver side. They appear to take it for granted that Senator Gorman will, as usual, run the convention, and, according to the logic of politics, it is assumed neither he nor his coadjutors can afford to take the back track on silver.

In Kentucky it is not improbable the gold Democracy may put candidates in the field. In Ohio it will be a square fight between the silver Democracy and the Republicans. In New York city, under any circumstances, there will be a combine against Tammany.

In Maryland the local conditions are so different from those in any other section that no calculations have been made as to third tickets or anything of that kind. But it is the outspoken expression that hard times and continued silver agitation will be worked for all they are worth to help Mr. Gorman and the others who train with him, and who lay their plots in concert in Washington and then undertake to carry them out at home.

Both as to the States of Ohio, Kentucky and Virginia and the city of New York the silver circles are in tranquil anticipation of success. As to Maryland they are scratching their heads and saying very little.

## VESSUVIUS IN ERUPTION.

Naples, Italy, June 4.—Mount Vesuvius is again in a state of active volcanic eruption. The flow of lava from the crater covers an area 2,000 metres in length and 500 metres wide. The approaches to the mountain are in an extremely dangerous condition.

The superiority of Cleveland Bicycles was fully demonstrated at Saturday's races. Nine different makes of bicycles were represented, and yet the Cleveland won 50 per cent. of the prizes.  
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## THE WEATHER.

Forecast for Virginia: Showers; cooler in the afternoon; southwesterly winds, becoming northwesterly.

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